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SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF A MULTILATERAL CONSULTATION
AND SURVEILLANCE MECHANISM FOR SEA DUMPING OF
RADIOACTIVE WASTE

REF: STATE 163425

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS IN REFTEL,
U.S. SUPPORTED ADOPTION OF OECD COUNCIL DECISION
ESTABLISHING MULTILATERAL CONSULTATION AND SURVEILLANCE
MECHANISM FOR SEA DUMPING OF RADIOACTIVE WASTE.

2. SIXTEEN ADDITIONAL COUNTRIES AGREED TO PARTICIPATE
IN THE DECISION WITHOUT QUALIFICATIONS.

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3. THREE COUNTRIES, FRG, FINLAND AND NETHERLANDS
NOTED THAT THEIR ACCEPTANCE WAS CONTINGENT UPON
REQUIREMENTS OF THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL PROCEDURES.

4. FOUR COUNTRIES, AUSTRIA, JAPAN, NEW ZEALAND
AND AUSTRALIA ABSTAINED, ALL BUT AUSTRIA NOTING THAT
ARTICLE 106 ALLOWED FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE DECISION

AT A LATER DATE.

- AUSTRIA'S ABSTENTION WAS PURE AND SIMPLE, BASED UPON THEIR "PURIST" VIEW THAT ANY SEA DUMPING CONVENTION WHICH PERMITS SEA DISPOSAL OF RADIOACTIVE WASTES CAN BE VIEWED AS ENCOURAGING SEA DUMPING OPERATIONS WHICH THEY WERE OPPOSED TO IN PRINCIPLE. IN THIS REGARD MISSION NOTES THAT DESPITE OBJECTIONS BY THE FRG AND THE U.K. (AND, IN THE PAST, BY THE U.S.), THE COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED THE INSERTION OF THE PHRASE QUOTE THAT SEVERAL MEMBER COUNTRIES OBJECT IN PRINCIPLE TO SEA DUMPING OPERATIONS UNQUOTE IN PREAMBLE OF THE DECISION.

- JAPAN'S ABSTENTION WAS BASED UPON THE NEED TO ESTABLISH INTERNAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES WHICH WERE PROVEN DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE (JAPAN INTENDS TO BECOME A DUMPER AND, CONSEQUENTLY, IF IT BECOMES A PARTY TO THE DECISION, WILL BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT ITSELF TO INTERNATIONAL SCRUTINY).

- THE AUSTRALIA REPRESENTATIVE NOTED THE NUCLEAR POLICY REVIEW CURRENTLY TAKING PLACE IN HIS COUNTRY AND THAT HIS GOVERNMENT COULD NOT CONSIDER THE DRAFT DECISION IN ISOLATION.

- THE AMBASSADOR FROM NEW ZEALAND NOTED THAT HIS UNCLASSIFIED

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COUNTRY WAS NOT A MEMBER OF NEA AND, CONSEQUENTLY, DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY OF THE PREPARATORY WORK LEADING TO THE DRAFT DECISION BUT THAT IT WAS PREPARED TO MAKE A DECISION AFTER REVIEW OF THE DOCUMENT, CURRENTLY UNDERWAY, WAS COMPLETED.

4. ADDITIONALLY, A REVISED TEXT OF ARTICLE 6 (C(77)115, ADDENDUM 2) SUBMITTED BY THE SPANISH AMBASSADOR SUGGESTING A MINOR CHANGE IN INTERPRETATION OF ARTICLE 6(A) WAS ADOPTED. NORWAY AND DENMARK AGREED AD REFERENDUM.
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